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17 February 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Lt. Colonel George Wilson, USAF
Chairman
Guided Missiles Intelligence Committee

SUBJECT: Possible EIC Support to the Guided Missiles
Intelligence Committee (GMIC)

1. I wish to take this opportunity to offer to your Committee such facilities of the Economic Intelligence Committee, its standing subcommittees, and working groups as may be of assistance to GMIC in carrying out its stated mission. Certain subcommittees of the EIC, for example that on Electronics and Telecommunications, might be able to give you support in their particular fields of interest.

2. The working group established by the EIC to study economic aspects of guided missiles intelligence should be of particular interest to your Committee. It was active during most of the past year and its principal assignments were:

a. to follow possible "indicators" of Soviet Bloc guided missile production and production facilities;

b. to compile and analyze counterpart data on U.S. guided missile production as a guide to collection and for use in determining the economic impact of the Soviet guided missiles program; and

c. to prepare recommendations as to the objectives of economic intelligence research with respect to the Soviet guided missiles program, the foreign collection requirements necessary, and the analytical methods appropriate.

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3. This EIC working group developed an initial list of indicators of Soviet guided missile production, a list of probable or potential missile production facilities, and several bibliographies and reference lists on Soviet guided missile production capabilities. A major part of its effort was devoted to the preparation of a comprehensive counterpart collection requirements guide and a specific collection questionnaire based thereon to provide priority data needed.

4. The EIC would appreciate, for its own guidance, your Committee's views regarding the desirability of having the EIC coordinate intelligence research on production aspects of the Soviet guided missiles program, and the manner in which this EIC activity, if resumed, might best serve your Committee in fulfilling its overall responsibilities. Further EIC action in this field is being held in abeyance pending such guidance from you. It would, therefore, be appreciated if you could let us have your Committee's views as a matter of some urgency.

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OTTO E. GUTHE
Chairman

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12 March 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Economic Intelligence Committee

SUBJECT : Possible Economic Intelligence Committee (EIC) Support
to the Guided Missile Intelligence Committee (GMIC)

1. In response to your letter of 17 February 1956, subject as above, the Guided Missile Intelligence Committee (GMIC) is most appreciative of your offer of Economic Intelligence Committee (EIC) support, and will call on you for support in all economic problems outside our assigned area of responsibility.

2. With particular reference to guided missile production, it is considered that, in the discharge of responsibilities assigned this organization by the Intelligence Advisory Committee, the GMIC must necessarily address itself to the same areas previously covered by the Guided Missiles Working Group (GMWG) of the EIC. For this reason it would appear to be unnecessary and undesirable for the EIC to proceed further with the coordination of intelligence research on production aspects of the Soviet guided missile program.

3. In order to derive the full benefit from the work done by your Working Group in the guided missile field, it is requested that the GMIC be provided with a copy of all papers and reports produced by the Guided Missile Working Group of the EIC during its period of activity.

4. I want to extend my thanks for your offer of continuing support and assure you of the cooperation and assistance of the GMIC in all matters within our assigned area of responsibility.

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GEORGE H. WILSON
Lt. Col., USAF
Chairman

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